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Happenings at GSU

- 16 Alumni Association Phonathon, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., Engbretson Hall. Continues through March 29.
- 18 Latino College Career Day, 1 to 3 p.m., University Theater.
- 19 Faculty Senate Meeting, 1 to 3 p.m., E-Lounge.
- 19 U.S. & Illinois Elections Class, 7:30 to 10:20 p.m., Hall of Honors.
- 19 BGU Distinguished Professor Dr. Paul Nollen lecture, "Parasitic Infections: Winning or Losing the Battle," 2:30 p.m., Sherman Music Recital Hall.
- 20 New Student Orientation, 6 to 8 p.m., Sherman Music Recital Hall.

First BGU teleclass aired across country

The first Governors State University teleclass produced for the Board of Governors Universities, "Beliefs and Believers," now is being viewed by students at colleges and universities across the country.

The "Beliefs and Believers" series has been purchased by the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) Adult Learning Service and has been licensed for airing by 96 colleges and universities. Among them are the Universities of Alaska, Arizona, San Francisco, Notre Dame and Dayton, according to Gary Fisk, director of Communications Services.

Of the 96 license holders, nine are using "Beliefs and Believers" for teleclass instruction.

PBS stations in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver, Chicago, New York City, Philadelphia, Dallas, Seattle, South Carolina and Washington are taping the program for local colleges.

Fisk said he received a surprise phone

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Sculpture Park adds 'Isis' to permanent collection

The Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park on the GSU campus has a new addition for its permanent collection.

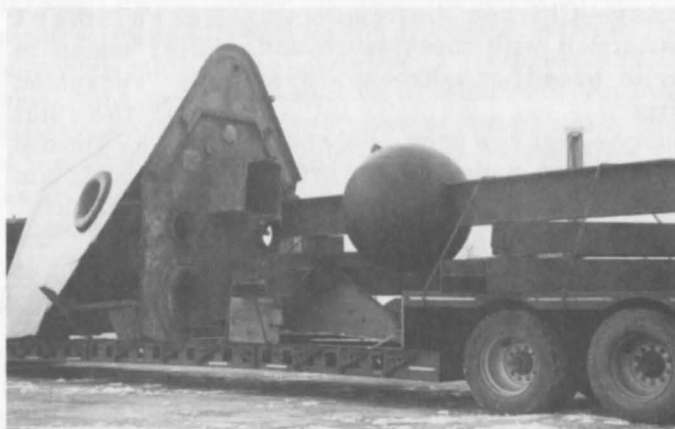
"Isis," a piece formerly on display in the Hirshhorn Museum's patio garden in Washington, D.C., has been donated to the park for a seven-year period, according to Dr. William Dodd, chief executive officer of the GSU Foundation which manages the sculpture park.

The foundation received monetary support from Lewis Manilow and from James T. Reid of Century Steel Corp. for labor, shipping and set-up costs.

The sculpture, which is the bow of a ship, has been left in pieces on the campus grounds near the piece "Field Rotation." As the weather warms, it will be set near University Parkway equidistant from "For Lady Day" and "House Divided."

"Isis" is the third piece by famed sculptor Mark DiSuvero in the park and will stand near his "For Lady Day" and "Prairie Chimes." Both of those

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Annual alumni phonathon scheduled for March 15 to 29

The GSU Alumni Association's annual phonathon will begin Sunday, March 15, and continue through March 29.

"It is going to be a challenging environment in which to solicit gifts," according to Ginni Burghardt, director of alumni relations. "The recession and the rate of unemployment are going to play a role in our success."

On the other hand, Burghardt believes there is "good news" too.

"The response to the direct mail campaign, which is the springboard for the phonathon, is up from last year by a significant amount," she explained.

The goal for this year's campaign is \$80,000. As in the past, the funds will be

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Cafeteria Menu

(Week of March 16 to 20)

Monday—Chicken vegetable soup.
Breaded pork cutlet platter; Chicago style hot dog.

Tuesday—Beef noodle soup. Roast turkey breast platter; B.B.Q. pork sandwich.

Wednesday—Turkey noodle soup. Two-cheese lasagna with parmesan bread; Italian beef sandwich.

Thursday—Split pea soup. Chicken fried beef steak with country gravy; Sloppy Joe sandwich.

Friday—New England clam chowder. Fried perch fillet platter; patty melt sandwich.

(Week of March 23 to 27)

Monday—Chicken barley soup. Mostaccioli with meat sauce and garlic bread; mushroom Swiss burger.

Tuesday—Beef rice soup. Salisbury steak platter; grilled chicken breast fillet sandwich.

Wednesday—Cream of chicken soup. Mexican steak burrito; grilled Reuben sandwich.

Thursday—Turkey vegetable soup. Arroz con pollo platter; hot meatball sandwich.

Friday—Cream of vegetable soup. Tuna noodle casserole; fish fillet sandwich.

(Menu subject to change.)

Employee of the Month

February employee calls herself a 'people person'

By Marilyn Thomas

Sharon Evans calls herself a "people person." That's why she likes her job so much.

The February "Employee of the Month" has had one-to-one contact with students and staff since she started at GSU nearly three years ago.

Today Evans is a secretary for the Office of Admissions and Student Recruitment (ASR) seated in the reception area, the "hot spot" as Ursula Sklan called it in her nomination.

Evans had been working at the front desk in the Registrar's Office, and during the reorganization of Student Affairs and Services, she was reassigned to the ASR position.

"In a very short time, Sharon demonstrated outstanding ability in dealing with continuous student requests over the phone and in person," Sklan told the nominating committee. "She displays an excellent memory for the incredible detail needed to help students receive requested material or information or transfer (them) to the right area."

She took notes from each conversation as staff tried to train Evans when she arrived at ASR, but she says she learned the job by osmosis.

"I had very good intentions, and I told myself I'd review these notes, but I never got the time," Evans recalls. "Having worked in the Registrar's Office did help, though."

Sklan says Evans is "very patient and courteous, and most reliable and punctual. A student's willingness to

choose GSU often depends on this first contact. (Evans) is a very motivated and capable person."

Sometimes Evans' job seems like a juggling act. There are students walking into the office waiting to be helped, while Evans is on the phone and two other lines are ringing.

"Helping students on the phone is nice, but I like the personal contact, too. It's a different kind of communication," she says.

She generally handles admissions questions, admissions deadlines information, schedules appointments for counselors and answers simple questions about programs and financial aid.

"If they just want a brochure, I can help them. But sometimes I have to transfer the call," Evans explains.

The mother of four worked for the Social Security Administration in Chicago before coming to GSU. One of four secretaries in a pool, she found the work very interesting and learned a lot about Social Security benefits and regulations. The travel time got to her, though, so she gladly accepted the GSU job.

As if raising a family and working isn't enough, Evans has started back to school. She is taking a course at Prairie State College trying to get ready for either a Board of Governors Bachelor of Arts program or enrolling in the College of Education.

Evans and her family are members of the Outreach Church of God in Christ in Harvey where she is a Sunday School teacher. She also has helped the Inter-Varsity Church Club at GSU organize its gospel music programs this year.

Evans, her husband, Gregory, and their children, Sharon, 16, LaToya, Cynthia, 7, and Gregory Jr., 6, live in Park Forest.



Sharon Evans

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The Grapevine

Brother inducted into Green Bay Hall of Fame

Lynne Hostetter (IS) had tears in her eyes Feb. 8 as her brother, **Larry McCarren**, was inducted into the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame. The Rich East High School and University of Illinois football player was drafted by Green Bay after college and played center position for 12 years.

McCarren is now a sports commentator for the ABC-TV affiliate in Green Bay.

Woodward draws winning ticket in Carillon raffle

"Arivederci," is what **Dr. Addison Woodward**, chairperson of the Division of Psychology and Counseling, will be saying soon. He had the winning ticket in the raffle for airline tickets to Italy courtesy of Alitalia Airlines. The drawing was held at the Feb. 16 Festa Italia gala, the fundraiser for the GSU Carillon project.

Dr. Virginio Piucci, vice president of administration and planning who is spearheading the fundraising efforts, said an estimated 350 people attended.

Business communications workshop offered to staff

Staff members are invited to a two-hour business communications workshop by **Dr. Margaret Morton** at 10 a.m. March 19 in the Hall of Honors. Topics include formats for business letters, addressing envelopes to meet new U.S. Postal Service rules, proofreading, spell check "dos" and "don'ts" and editing.

Place your reservation with **Virginia Thurson** in the Personnel Office, extension 2194.

Cashier's Office changes evening hours schedule

Because of staff shortages, the Cashier's Office has changed its evening hours. The new hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and Thursday.

Tim Arr, director of business operations, said when payday falls on a Tuesday or Wednesday, the Cashier's Office will remain open until 7 p.m.

Tapes of BGU public policy conference available

If you didn't make it to Eastern Illinois University for the annual BGU public policy conference, "Tourism and the State of Illinois," in November, videotapes of the program are available in the University Library.

The GSU segment of the program on ethnic tourism is tape 3 of the six tapes, and it features **Dr. Henry Lowenstein** of CBPA as the moderator and presenters **Dr. Dominic Candeloro** of OCW and **Leah Axelrod**, president of My Kind of Town Tours, Inc.

Think about nominating fellow employee for award

Have you thought about co-workers who are doing an outstanding job in these difficult times? Nominate them for "Employee of the Month." The program, now in its seventh year, recognizes civil service employees who provide outstanding service to students, staff, visitors, their units and other units.

Nomination forms are available at "Employee of the Month" drop boxes throughout the building, or by calling the Personnel Office on extension 2194.

Two still needed as GSU runners for 'River Relay'

Run from the Mississippi River to the Ohio River?

That's the mission for the GSU team, which is considering calling itself either the "Flock of Sages" or "Roads Scholars" according to **Dr. Mel Muchnik**, that will be competing in an 80-mile run through the Shawnee National Forest in southern Illinois on April 11.

Two runners still are needed for the team of eight and interested persons should call **Dr. Muchnik** as soon as possible.

Alumni phonathon set for March 15-29

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used to support scholarships, the university library, and faculty development activities.

"The alumni board of directors is counting on substantial support from the faculty, staff and administration to help raise the money," Burghardt said.

"They especially hope to see each faculty member who has received an alumni faculty development award at any time in the last five years giving an evening of their time to 'dial for dollars' and help ensure the continued funding of the Alumni Faculty Development Awards program," she added.

Burghardt said she is asking units to "sponsor" an evening of calling. So far, units scheduled are the Library for March 16, College of Education for March 17 and 25, College of Health Professions for March 18, Student Affairs and Services for March 19, and College of Arts and Sciences for March 23.

Veterans of Innovation

for March 1992

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| 1971 | Henry Jablon (PO) |
| 1973 | Paul Schranz (CAS) |
| 1974 | Michael Reilly (PPO), Mary G. Taylor (CHP) |
| 1975 | Adrienne Kelly (CAS) |
| 1976 | Alice Gardner (REG), Pamela Zener (SD), Haddon Anderson (ASR) |
| 1977 | Margo Ellman (ASR) |
| 1978 | Willette Jones (PERS), Mary Smith (PPO) |
| 1980 | Michael Purdy (CAS), Rose O'Neal (CAS), Lynne Deslierras Romaniak (CAS), Judith Gustawson (ADVIS), Brenda Chapman (CAS) |
| 1985 | Dee Woods (BO), Mari Ellen Leverence (UL), Ruth Barley (REG) |

Students raise \$10,000

The Student Advisory Board of the College of Business and Public Administration is nearing its \$10,000 goal for its endowed scholarship.

The GSU Foundation agreed to establish a CBPA scholarship if students could raise the \$10,000. They are close to their goal following a Feb. 14 dinner/dance, according to **Dean Esthel Allen**.

Host and hostess for this party were **Dr. Jordan Tsolakides**, professor of business administration, and his wife, **Connie**. They reserved the hall at their church, Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Olympia Fields, purchased and prepared the food, and covered the expense of the tickets.

Dr. Allen said the advisory board is planning several other fundraisers this academic year in an attempt to raise its scholarship fund to \$15,000. Their previous fundraising efforts were three silent auctions.

'Isis' added to collection

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sculptures were constructed at GSU in the late '60s and early '70s when DiSuvero was a guest of Lewis Manilow.

Dr. Dodd hopes to get DiSuvero, now in California, back to the GSU campus for a dedication ceremony.

Also, Dr. Dodd said "House of Cars," which has been on loan, will be removed from the sculpture park.

Others air BGU class

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call not long ago from a GSU graduate living in northern California who saw the program on her local PBS affiliate and congratulated Fisk and GSU for "doing so well."

The staff in Communications Services at GSU has begun work on its third Board of Governors Universities teleclass, "Dealing with Difference," featuring **Dr. J. Q. Adams**, guest professor from Western Illinois University. The course is exploring identities, values and interactions of diverse groups in our culture. The show's producer is **Dr. David Ainsworth**, who also produced "Beliefs and Believers."



Professor Charlie Olson (center), outgoing president of the GSU Chapter of University Professionals of Illinois, gets special thanks and a commemorative plaque for his many years of service to the faculty union from Dr. George Garrett (left), incoming president, and Dr. Maribeth Kasik, a member of the executive board.

Olson's role expanded at UPI

Professor Charlie Olson has moved to his next level of service with the University Professionals of Illinois (UPI), the union representing faculty and academic support professionals, but not without a little fanfare.

The College of Business and Public Administration professor was honored by the union and received a commemorative plaque for his work.

From 1983 to 1987, Olson was vice president with a short six-month term as acting president in 1986 when **Dr. Helen Hughes**, then president, took a sabbatical. Within the year, Olson was elected president, a position he held until earlier this year.

He also served as interim state treasurer for UPI from 1986 to 1987. He was the UPI-GSU Chapter representative on the negotiating team, which narrowly averted a strike in October.

Dr. Olson is now serving as a GSU representative on the UPI House of Delegates.

Condolences

To **Dr. Sally Glenn**, professor in the division of Education, on the death of her mother, March 2, in Florida.

To **Wilhelmenia Moore** of the division of Health and Human Services on the death of her father, Elder P.S. McDaniel, March 5, in Baltimore.

To **Dr. Hugh Rank**, professor in the division of Humanities and Social Sciences, on the death of his mother in February in Arizona.

Employee of the Month

Employee has ability to put others at ease

By Marilyn Thomas

Sometimes we don't recognize the deeds of those we work with until others call them to our attention.

Just such a story was told by Dr. Sonny Goldenstein, professor of criminal justice in the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences, in his nomination of Rose O'Neal, the March "Employee of the Month."

"Recently the chief of police from a local community came in to see me and said he wishes he could get someone like Rose to work for him," Dr. Goldenstein told the committee. "He was impressed with how friendly she treated him, how important she made him feel, how effectively she handled her job and how well she worked with faculty, students and visitors."

O'Neal has been at GSU for 14 years. She started as a CEDA employee on an 18 month contract before being hired as a full-time typist. Most of her 14 years here, she worked for the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (previously known as the College of Cultural Studies). Since first coming to GSU, she has worked for five deans: Dr. Alfonso Sherman, Dr. Clare Anthony, Dr. Reino Hakala, Dr. Ronald Brubaker and the current dean, Dr. Joyce Verrett.

But she has only worked directly with faculty and students since September when she assumed secretarial duties for the Division of Humanities and Social Services first floor office. "I like it a lot," O'Neal says without hesitancy. "I hadn't worked with the students before. And the work down here

is more varied (than in the dean's office)."

O'Neal officially works for Drs. Goldenstein and Jagan Lingamneni, Thomas Kelly, Anthony Wei and Hugh Rank, but she usually ends up taking messages and doing clerical work for Dr. Harriet Gross, Dr. Deborah Holdstein and Professor Patricia Koutouzos. "I don't mind it. I like being busy. It makes the day go by. And I'm still doing some typing for the dean's area. I love typing," the word processor III says.

Dr. Goldenstein says O'Neal is "what GSU is all about. She is very warm and friendly. She always has a smile and a caring word for everyone. She performs her work enthusiastically and competently. She has the ability to make people feel at ease and comfortable around her. She makes people around her feel like they are important. She always goes the extra mile with people and tasks that need to be done."

Faculty members in her area joked that too many nice things shouldn't be said about O'Neal "because some other area will steal her from us."

Oftentimes students will come to O'Neal with a problem or question. The dean's office "gets everything that nobody else can handle," O'Neal says, so her many years on its staff have given her background information that allows her to direct students properly the first time.

Outside of GSU, O'Neal is a volunteer for the Chicago Heights Community Youth Committee where she does office work. She's been a volunteer there for 11 years and today serves as the not-for-profit agency's vice president. In 1986, the committee recognized O'Neal with its Outstanding Service Award.

O'Neal and her husband, Larry, have been married 11 years. They live in Matteson.



Rose O'Neal

Published

Professor Janice LaReau (CAS), an article in a January edition of *Laboratory Medicine* titled "Flexibility: The Key to Success in MLT Articulation Programs." Peggy Woodard (SD) and Drs. Diedrus Brown and David Suddick (CE), the article "The Learning Assistance Needs of Adult Transfer Undergraduate and Masters Level Students" in a December 1991 issue of *College Student Journal*. Dr. Jon Carlson (CE), an article titled "Rediscovering Healthy Families" for the periodical *Topics in Family Psychology and Counseling*. Dr. David Matteson (CE), three articles titled "Attempting to Change Sex Role Attitudes in Adolescents: Explorations of Reverse Effects" in the journal *Adolescence*, 26, pp. 885-898; "Impressions of Homophobia in India" and "An Interpretive Review of Recent Research on Homophobia," both in *Empathy: An Interdisciplinary Journal for Persons Working to End Oppression on the Basis of Sexual Identities*, 3, pp. 58-65 and 115-117.

GSUings...

...Dr. Michael Stelnicki (CE), speaking on the topic "Ensuring Quality Adult Education" at the winter educational conference of the Chicago Society of Association Executives in Chicago Feb. 18 and also speaking on "Manual Labor or Professional Guides? How to Decide Whether ID Standards Are for Your Organization" at a meeting of the Chicago Chapter of the National Society for Performance and Instruction (NSPI) on Feb. 21...Dr. Bruce Fischer and Professor Donald Fricker, both of CBPA, presenting their paper titled "The Use of Voice Mail Software to Monitor Self-Paced Training Programs" in March at the 14th Conference for Computers and Industrial Engineering. Their paper also will be published in the conference proceedings.

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Extra retirement credits available

Working at Governors State is only one way to earn service credits toward retirement says **Judy Rathgeber**, deputy director of participant services for the State Universities Retirement System (SURS). Here are some tips she's provided that could be of benefit to you.

- If you worked at a community

Distinguished Prof lecturing March 19

"Parasitic Infections: Winning or Losing the Battle?" will be the topic of a March 19 GSU lecture given by **Dr. Paul Nollen**, the Board of Governors Universities 1991 Distinguished Professor recipient.

The scientist will speak at 2:30 p.m. in the Sherman Music Recital Hall. Dr. Nollen, a professor of biological science at Western Illinois University, is an internationally recognized parasitologist specializing in the physiology and behavior of parasitic flukes. His scholarly activity and contributions to this field are evident by his record of publications in internationally recognized scientific journals. He has received numerous research grants, including the Sigma Xi Research Award.

For more information on the program, call **Dr. Phyllis Klingensmith** in the GSU Science Division at extension 2212.

college or another Illinois state university at least half-time before participating in SURS through GSU, you can add that time to your retirement benefit with an additional payment.

- If you worked for another public agency, such as the U.S. or state government or other public schools, colleges or universities, and became a SURS member on or before Sept. 1, 1974, you may purchase credit for up to 10 years of service.

- If you became a SURS member after Sept. 1, 1974, you can purchase credit for your prior full-time employment with any U.S. public school, college or university.

- If you were a contributing member of SURS or other Illinois public retirement system but withdrew your funds, you may be eligible to reestablish those credits by repayment to the system in which you were a member.

- If you were on a leave of absence (other than sabbatical) while a member of SURS, you may be eligible to make a payment to establish credit for the period you were on leave.

Rathgeber said all payments to establish additional service must be made prior to retirement. For additional information, call the SURS office at (217) 333-3860.

'Dr. Varnet, Are you there?'



"Hello, hello. Anybody there?" asks Cheryl Lambert of Communications Services on her specially designed "can" phone. She reports hearing Dr. Harvey Varnet from the floor above her reassuring her that things will get better and some day this phone wire will be connected to a state-of-the-art phone. But then, it may only have been reverberation.

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